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PASS AGRICULTURE: INTERNATIONAL TRADE, DAIR &
POULTRY DIV., R. MCCONNELL/FAS/W

FOR M.W. GLITMAN, EB/ITP/OT/STATE/W

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SUBJECT: GOC EGG AND TURKEY IMPORT CURBS

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TELECON MAY 8

1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED THAT MININDUSTRY, TRADE &
COMMERCE GILLESPIE AND AGMIN WHELAN ANNOUNCED TODAY
THAT EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT MAY 8, 1974 PERMITS WILL
BE REQUIRED FOR IMPORTATION OF TURKEYS AND EGGS.

2. ACTION TAKEN UNDER EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS
ACT, AS AMENDED BY PARLIAMENT, TO SUPPORT NATIONAL
TURKEY AND EGG MARKETING PROGRAMS.

3. GILLESPIE SAID QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT HAS DETERMINED
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THAT THREAT TO THESE PROGRAMS EXISTS WHEN PRODUCER

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PRICES FOR EGGS ARE AT OR BELOW 60 CENTS A
DOZEN, BASIS GRADE A LARGE, ONTARIO
AND WHEN TURKEY PRICES ARE AT OR BELOW THE
EQUIVALENT OF 37.5 CENTS A POUND, BASIS HEAVY
TOMS, ONTARIO UNQUOTE. WHEN CANADIAN PRICES
ABOVE THESE LEVELS IMPORTS WILL BE FREELY
PERMITTED. SHOULD PRICE OF FEED IN CANADA
CHANGE EITHER UP OR DOWN THESE PRICES WILL
BE ADJUSTED BY CORRESPONDING AMOUNT.

4. GILLESPIE SAID THE ACT WILL BE USED TO
REGULATE IMPORTS OF EGGS AND TURKEY AS LONG
AS THERE IS SERIOUS THREAT TO THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

5. IMPORTERS OF RECORD WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY
FOR IMPORT PERMITS. IN GENERAL, PERMITS WILL BE
ISSUED ON FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS,
AGRICULTURE CANADA (AC) MARKETING OFFICIAL TOLD
AGATT. HE ALSO STATED IMPORTS LEVELS TO BE CAL-
CULATED AS FOLLOWS. CURRENT MONTH'S PRODUCTION
AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE PRODUCTION LAST FIVE YEARS
E.G. IF THIS MONTH'S PRODUCTION 95 PERCENT OF 5-YEAR
AVERAGE, IMPORTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAXIMUM OF
95 PERCENT OF 5 YEAR AVERAGE. SIMILARLY, IF
CANADA'S PRODUCTION MOVES UP PERCENT OF IMPORTS MOVED
UP ACCORDINGLY. AC OFFICIAL CLAIMS MONTHLY EGG
PRODUCTION PERCENT SO FAR THIS YEAR VARYING 95
TO 96 PERCENT FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE.

6. WHELAN DEFENDING MARKETING BOARDS ADDED THAT
CANADIAN FARMERS HAVE STABILIZED PRODUCTION AND
PRICES, IN INTERESTS OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS,
FOR BOTH TURKEYS AND EGGS THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL
MARKETING AGENCIES. HE CITED BOOM AND BUST CYCLE
IN UNITED STATES AS THREATENING THESE EFFORTS
QUOTE U.S. PRODUCTION HAS BEEN INCREASING THIS
YEAR, AND PRICES HAVE FALLEN BELOW COST OF PRO-
DUCTION FOR TURKEYS AND EGGS. ONTARIO TURKEY
PRICES HAVE FALLEN FROM 46.25 CENTS PER POUND FOR
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HEAVY TOMS IN OCTOBER TO 37.5 CENTS THIS WEEK.
UNQUOTE. REFERRING TO LAST YEAR, WHELAN SAID
CANADIAN CONSUMERS HAVE ALREADY BENEFITTED FROM
POLICIES OF NATIONAL EGG MARKETING AGENCY BY
ENJOYING LOWER PRICES HERE IN CANADA WHILE U.S.
CONSUMERS WERE PAYING HIGH PRICES WHEN PRODUCTION
THERE HIT BOTTOM OF PRODUCTION CYCLE. UNQUOTE.

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7. FULL TEXT OF ABOVE AIRGRAMMED STATE AND AGRICULTURE TODAY.

8. COMMENT: AGATT DISCUSSED ANNOUNCEMENT WITH CANADA AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OFFICIAL AND REMINDED OFFICIAL OUR REPEATED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN TO GOC THAT NATIONAL MARKETING AGENCIES TEND TO BECOME PROTECTIONIST AT THE BORDER. MINISTER GILLESPIE STATED QUOTE THE OPERATION OF THESE CONTROLS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER GATT UNQUOTE.
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